Targeting Rationale (TAR)

(C//SI//REL TO USA, FVEY) The basic premise of this process is to memorialize ***why*** you the analyst have requested targeting. This rationale will be provided to our external FISA Amendment Act (FAA) overseers, the Department of Justice and Office of the Director of National Intelligence, for all FAA targeting.

(S//SI//REL TO USA, FVEY) While we do want to provide our FAA overseers with the information they need, we DO NOT want to give them any extraneous information. Please follow these instructions carefully to place a "Targeting Rationale" in the **Target Information Comments** field in UTT and the **Selector Comments** field in Octave (Note: There are additional instructions below concerning issues with Octave.). This rationale can be no longer than **one short sentence.** Please see the screen captures below for proper placement.

(U//FOUO) The TAR must be in the following format: ***///TAR:*** Targeting Rationale (TAR) sentence.*///* (Note: The "TAR:" and leading and trailing triple slashes are critical.)

(U//FOUO) Targeting Requests will be sent back to draft when the TAR is not present or does not meet the below criteria. Please contact your FAA Product Line Lead for help as needed.

(S//SI//REL TO USA, FVEY) The essential elements of information needed in the targeting rationale are: "User" of the selector, link between the user and the foreign intelligence purpose, and the foreign intelligence purpose. Avoid the use of acronyms when possible, when used they must be expanded.

(C//SI//REL TO USA, FVEY) Your rationale **MUST NOT** contain any additional information including: probable cause-like information (i.e. ***proof*** of your analytic judgment), how you came to your analytic conclusions, any RAGTIME information, classification marking, or selector information.

(TS//SI//NF) Below are some actual examples (please use the term "User" or "Selector" not your target's name). Analysts should consult their FAA Product Line Lead for questions concerning TAR construction.

Foreign Government Certification Examples

///TAR: User is a minister plenipotentiary [redacted] Ministry of Foreign Affairs.///
///TAR: User is in direct contact with [redacted] Iran.///
///TAR: User is the secretary for [redacted] in Iraq.///
///TAR: User is in direct contact with the Venezuelan [redacted]ran.///
///TAR: User is a [redacted] with Chinese [redacted] supplying to Sudan.///
///TAR: User is a telecommunications engineer and systems administrator [redacted] [redacted] the Middle East and Southwest Asia.///

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//TAR: User is the head of the Libya's delegation [redacted] ///
//TAR: User is the second secretary at the [redacted] Embassy in Cuba.///
//TAR: User is [redacted] to the President of Iran.///

Combating Proliferation Certification Examples

//TAR: User is [redacted]t PAEC (Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission) [redacted].///
//TAR: User is the [redacted] of [redacted] Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC).///
//TAR: User is the [redacted] Research Center [redacted] in Iran.///
//TAR: User is a Syrian bomb maker involved in supplying electronics for use in IEDs to Iraqi customers.///
//TAR: User is involved with the RDT&E (Research, design, testing and evaluation) of space and missile weapons systems.///
//TAR: User is operating in Iran to construct [redacted] which could provide [redacted].///
//TAR: User works for the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran [redacted] //
//TAR: User is involved in [redacted] missile-related research a [redacted] Tehran for Iran.///

Counterterrorism Certification Examples

//TAR: User is in direct contact with Hezbollah member///
//TAR: User has in-direct contact with Taliban-affiliate and weapons/drugs smuggler.///
//TAR: User is [redacted] Al-Qaeda -associated web forums.///
//TAR: User is in direct contact with close associate of Al-Qaeda facilitator.///
//TAR: Selector was found on recovered media of Al-Qaeda East Africa leader in Somalia///
//TAR: Selector was found on buddy list of Al-Qaeda East Africa associate///

Working with other examples:

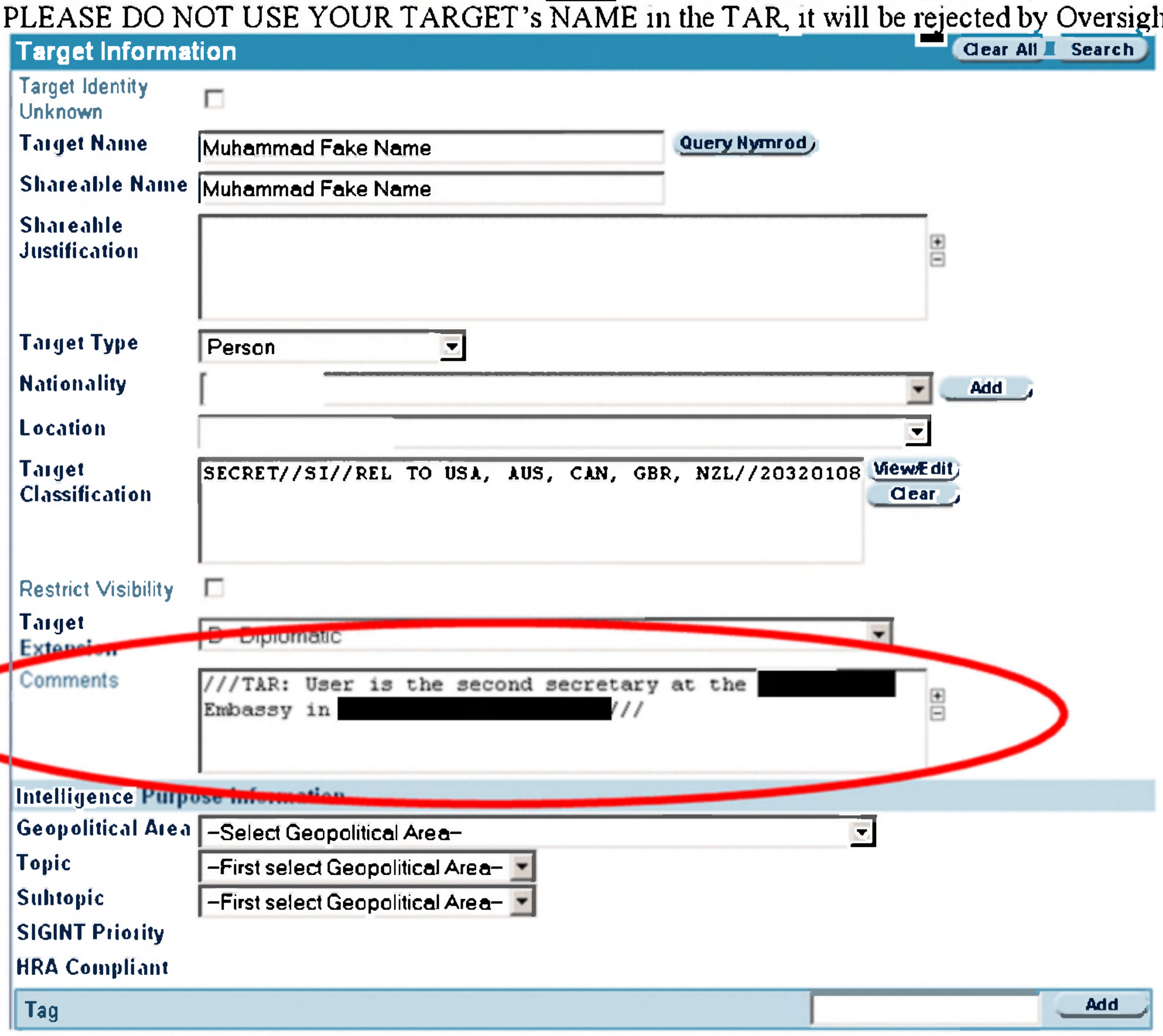
Analyst Input: //TAR: [redacted] is a senior level Saudi oil official [redacted] who advises [redacted] ///
Re-worded: //TAR: User is an advisor to the Saudi Arabian [redacted] //

Analyst Input: //TAR: This email address is used by a PRC national [redacted] who is an IT professional working at [redacted] a PRC nuclear weapons [redacted] //
Re-worded: //TAR: User is an information technology professional at a Chinese nuclear weapons [redacted]

Analyst Input: //TAR: Mohammad Badguy was on the buddy list of Al-Qaeda [redacted] in Mogadishu Somalia, Mohammad Badguy's brother-in-law.
Re-worked: //TAR: Selector was found on buddy list of Al-Qaeda [redacted] in Somalia.///

UTT Example

"///TAR: User is the Second Secretary at the [redacted] Embassy in [redacted] //"
PLEASE DO NOT USE YOUR TARGET's NAME in the TAR, it will be rejected by Oversight!



Octave Example

Additional Octave Instructions:
Should the analyst not have access to the Selector Comments Field (i.e. TOPI vs. ROPI issue) or have run out of room for the TAR within and are not able to re-arrange the text, please send an E-mail containing an explanation, which includes the selector, along with your TAR to "dl tb_octave" for resolution.

"///TAR: User is a [redacted] to the Iranian President.///"
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